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Appl. No. : 09/998,256 Confirmation No. 4217
 Applicant : Ritter, Rudolph
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 Examiner : Nam V. Nguyen
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Amendment "B"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated April 2, 2004 (Paper No. 4). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on July 2, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and requests a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from July 2, 2004 through August 2, 2004. By this amendment, thirty (30) claims are pending in this application including five (5) independent claims. A check in the amount of \$408 is enclosed to cover the \$298 fee for seven (7) total claims not previously paid for and two (2) independent claims in excess of three and the \$110 extension fee.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 and include a replacement page.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.